



# Rock Creek Park

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## March, 2015

### Schedule of Events

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Over the years, women have had a profound influence on Rock Creek Park's myriad landscapes and even on the night sky. In honor of Women's History Month, we invite you to attend one or all of our history programs. Special programs are highlighted in green below. Photos above: at left, Women astronomers at Harvard (see Weekly Programs), and at right, Elizabeth Thomas (see March 15 and 22).

### Weekly Programs

#### Wednesdays

- **Young Planetarium 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center** Children ages four and up are invited to explore the night sky and listen to star stories.

#### Fridays

- **Creature Feature 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center** Children of all ages are invited to learn about Rock Creek Park's wild critters during this interactive program featuring live turtles and snakes.

#### Saturdays

- **Winter Night Sky 1:00 p.m. at the Nature Center** Discover tonight's brightest stars, planets and constellations and hear their stories in the Rock Creek Park planetarium. **Ages 5 and up.**
- **Exploring the Universe 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center** Explore the solar system, Milky Way galaxy, and deep space objects in this high- tech planetarium program. **Ages 7 and up.**

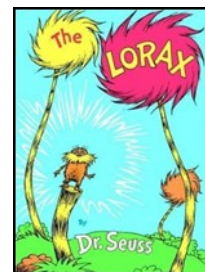
#### Sundays

- **Winter Night Sky 1:00 p.m. at the Nature Center** Discover tonight's brightest stars, planets and constellations and hear their stories in the Rock Creek Park planetarium. **Ages 5 and up.**
- **Astronomy Stars: Women Who Changed the Night 4:00 p.m. in the Planetarium** Napoleon Bonaparte once said that, "Men of genius are meteors, destined to light up their century." But what about women of genius? Join Ranger Tony for a unique Women's History Month planetarium program focusing on female astronomers and their discoveries. Recommended for ages 7 to adult.

### Special Programs

#### Sunday, March 1

- **Ranger Reads: *The Lorax* 11:00 a.m. at the Nature Center** Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! Join a ranger for this story time session IN THE PLANETARIUM! In honor of the famous author, we'll read Dr. Seuss' environmental classic, *The Lorax*. **All ages.**



#### Saturday, March 7

- **Rock Creek Park Civil War Round Table "The District of Columbia During the Reconstruction Era" 9:30 a.m. at the Nature Center** Volunteer John Hampton will discuss local District of Columbia history between 1865 and 1877, with photographs and drawings from the Library of Congress. Landmarks from the Reconstruction Era and the U.S. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands will also be featured.
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- **Fort Stevens Walk** 10:00 a.m. at Fort Stevens By the close of the Civil War in 1865, Washington, DC was one of the most heavily fortified cities in North America! The uniquely designed fortification system included 68 earthworks forts, 20 miles of rifle pits, 32 miles of military roads (hence today's Military Road) and 93 detached batteries strategically built and located from lower Maryland to Northern Virginia. Join us to discover what role Fort Stevens played in this system.

### **Saturday, March 14**

- **Fort Totten Walk** 10:00 a.m. at Fort Totten By the close of the Civil War in 1865, Washington, DC was one of the most heavily fortified cities in North America! The uniquely designed fortification system included 68 earthworks forts, 20 miles of rifle pits, 32 miles of military roads (hence today's Military Road) and 93 detached batteries strategically built and located from lower Maryland to Northern Virginia. Join us to discover what role Fort Totten played in this system.
- **A Women's History of Old Stone House** 10:00 a.m. at Old Stone House During a time when men owned mostly everything, did you know that the oldest building in DC was owned by a woman? Come join Ranger Jeff as we celebrate Women's History Month by taking a tour through this historic structure. Marking its 250th Anniversary, we will explore the influence of women on the Old Stone House, from colonial days to the present.

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### **Sunday, March 15**

- **Women and the Civil War** 2:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Discover the diverse roles women played on the home- front and the battlefield during the American Civil War. Ages 10 and older.

### **Saturday, March 21**

- **Battery Kemble Walk** 10:00 a.m. at Battery Kemble By the close of the Civil War in 1865, Washington, DC was one of the most heavily fortified cities in North America! The uniquely designed fortification system included 68 earthworks forts, 20 miles of rifle pits, 32 miles of military roads (hence today's Military Road) and 93 detached batteries strategically built and located from lower Maryland to Northern Virginia. Join us to discover what role Battery Kemble played in this system.

### **Sunday, March 22**

- **Women and the Civil War** 2:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Discover the diverse roles women played on the home- front and the battlefield during the American Civil War. Ages 10 and older.

### **Saturday March 28**

- **A Women's History of Old Stone House** 10:00 a.m. at Old Stone House During a time when men owned mostly everything, did you know that the oldest building in DC was owned by a woman? Come join Ranger Jeff as we celebrate Women's History Month by taking a tour through this historic structure. Marking its 250th Anniversary, we will explore the influence of women on the Old Stone House, from colonial days to the present.

### **Rock Creek Park Visitor Center Locations and Hours**

**Nature Center & Planetarium** = 5200 Glover Road, NW. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hiking trail maps and park information, plant and animal exhibits, bookstore.

**Peirce Mill** = 2401 Tilden Street, NW. Closed winter months except special events.

**Old Stone House** = 3051 M Street, NW. Open daily, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Early American home, self guided tours, bookstore.